



Merrillview

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office for National Statistics 1999).

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Merrillville, Indiana*



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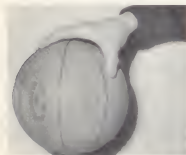
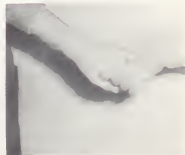
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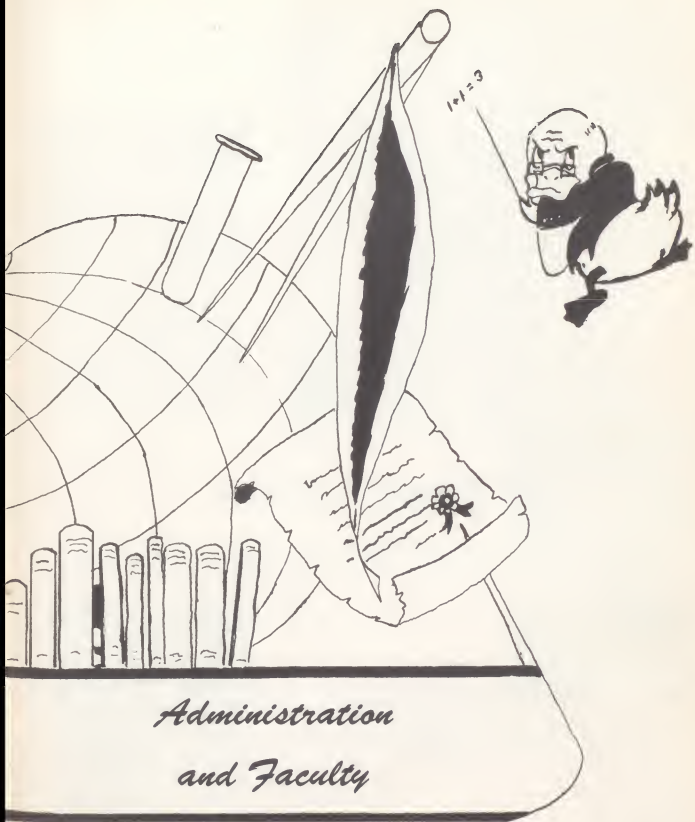
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EDGAR L. MILLER
Principal

A Message To Students

The real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that time will ameliorate, not destroy; occupations that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

Sydney Smith

The sure foundation of the Nation, State, and Community are laid in knowledge, not ignorance; and every sneer at education, at culture, and at book-learning which is the recorded wisdom of the experience of mankind, is the demagogue's sneer of intelligent liberty.

All that have studied the art of governing mankind have been convinced that much depends of the education of the youth.

ROBERT J. BRANNOCK
Superintendent of Schools



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School Trustee



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School Secretary



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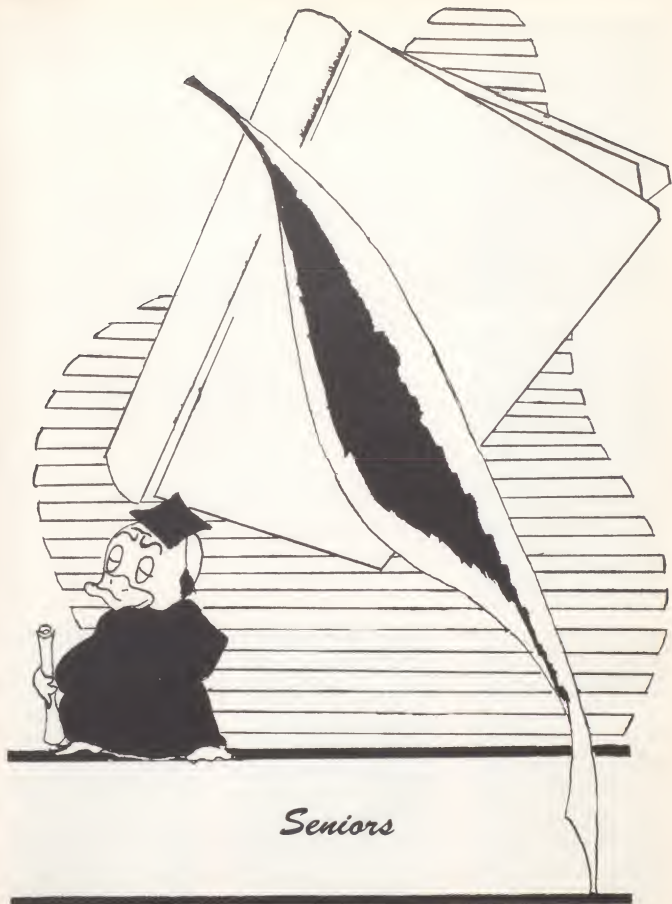


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Southern Illinois University, B.S.
Indiana University
Purdue University



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Spanish, Commerce and Business Math
Ball State Teachers College, B.A.



Seniors



CHARLEEN ADAMS

"Chuck"

F.H.A. 1,2 Songleader; Pep Club 2,3,4; Camera 2; Chorus 1; Speech 3; Mirror Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Student Council 3; Glee Club 4; Senior Play.

MILDRED EILEEN ALEXANDER

"Millie"

Sunshine 1,2; G.A.A. 2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Speech 3,4 President; Junior Play; Student Council 4.

RAYMOND LAWRENCE BALLASTERO

"Baldy"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2 Secretary; Class Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.



DAROLD E. BENTON

Gary Emerson 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Camera 4.

THERESA MARIE BIANCHI

"T'resa"

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2 Historian; Sunshine 3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Glee Club 4; Senior Play.



SHIRLEY MAXINE BODAMER
"Bodie"

Sunshine 1; G.A.A. 2,3,4.

JAMES ROBERT CAMPBELL
"Cat"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera 3,4; Class Treasurer 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4.

JOE ANTHONY CHIADO
"Turtle"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

CAROL LYNNE CICENAS
"Kayo"

Sunshine 1,2 Recording Secretary, 3 Corresponding Secretary, 4 Treasurer; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,4; Glee Club 4 Secretary; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play; Prom Queen.

DOLORES CATHERINE COCHRAN
"Dee"

G.A.A. 2,3,4; Pep Club 3; Speech 3; F.H.A. 1.





WILLIAM HENRY DEETER

"Wild Bill"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera 3,4 Vice-President.

NANCY JO DOWNS

"Nan"

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Speech 3,4; Vice-President; Glee Club 4; Senior Play.

HOWARD EDWARD EWEN

"Big How"

F.F.A. 3,4 Sergeant-at-Arms; Camera 1.

ALEX FETKAVICH

"Cabbage"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Letterman's Club 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Cross Country 3,4; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Baseball 4.

RICHARD ARTHUR FIELER

"Little Henry"

Jr. Hi-Y 1 Vice-President, 2 President; Sr. Hi-Y 3 President, 4; Student Council 2,3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Reporter; Camera 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball Manager 1,2.





WILLIAM HENRY FRANZ

"Little Sheba"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera 3 Vice-President, 4 President; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; Student Council 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

RITA FRIEDRICH

F.H.A. 1; Sunshine 2,3,4 Vice-President; G.A.A. 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Glee Club 4 President; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 3,4.



MARLENE RAE GIERTZ

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4.

JUDITH ANN GILLILAND

"Judy"

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Glee Club 4.

JOSEPH MICHAEL GILROWSKI

"Greek"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4 Reporter; Camera 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4 Secretary; Junior Play; Senior Play; Football 1,2,3,4 Co-Captain; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; Basketball Manager 2.





JAMES MONTGOMERY HALSTED

"Monty"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Junior Play.

MALCOLM ALLEN HALSTED

"Bonzo"

Sr. Hi-Y 3, Treasurer 4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Mirror Staff 4; Band 1, 2,3 Vice-President, 4 President; Senior Play; Camera 4.

PHYLLIS JACQUELINE HARRIGAN

"Phyl"

G.A.A. 1,2,3 Reporter, 4; Sunshine 2,3,4; Speech 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Cheerleader 3; Glee Club 4.



JOSEPH GEORGE HEIN

"Joe"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.

LARRY EMIL HERZOG

"Short"

F.F.A. 1,2,3 Reporter, 4 Secretary; Camera 3,4; Sr. Hi-Y 4.



PATRICIA ANN HILBRICH

"Pat"

Sunshine 1,2,3; G. A. A. 4; Pep Club 4.

DAVID GORDON HOEKSTRA

"Butch"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Chorus 3,4.

ROSALIN ANN HORNAK

"Rosie"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Chorus 3,4.

JANICE MAE HORNER

"Jan"

Chorus 1,2; Band 1; Sunshine 1,2,4; Junior Play; Speech 3,4;
Glee Club 4.

WILLIAM GLENN HORNER

"Bill"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Student Council
3; Class Secretary 3; Science 4.





DONALD ANDREW HUDOCK

"Don"

McCellandtown, Pennsylvania 1; Sr. Hi-Y 4 Chaplin.

SHIRLEY MAE HULL

"Shirl"

Richland Center 1,2; G. A. A. 3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Glee Club 4.

CHARLOTTE RUTH HUNTER

"Char"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Treasurer; F. H. A. 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Glee Club 4; Speech 4; Senior Play.

DON LEON HURLBURT

F. F. A. 1,2,3 Secretary, 4 President; Class Secretary 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3 All Conference, 4; Cross Country 3,4; Baseball 3,4; Letterman's Club 4; Student Council 1,2,3,4 Vice-President; Prom King.

CHARLES DOUGLAS INGLES

"Doug"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3 Sergeant-at-Arms, 4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Class Sergeant-at-Arms 3; Chorus 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4 Honorable Mention All Conference.



GERALDINE ELLEN JENSEN

"Gerrie"

G. A. A. 1,2; Sunshine 4; Speech 3,4; Band 3; Junior Play;
Senior Play; Glee Club 4.

ROYCE LUTHER JOLLY

"Luke"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4.



BARBARA ELAINE JONES

"Barb"

G. A. A. 1,4; Sunshine 2,3,4; F. H. A. 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Cho-
rus 2; Glee Club 4; Senior Play.

HELENE KAY JURSIĆ

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Sunshine 3,4; Chorus 2,3,
4 Vice-President; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 4.



FREDDIE DALE KARRLE

"Fritzy"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Junior Play; Class President 4; An-
nual Staff 4; Student Council 4; Senior Play.



DONALD LEE KARSTEN

"Duke"

F. F. A. 1,2 Sergeant-at-Arms, 3 Vice-President, 4 Treasurer; Letterman's Club 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 1; Cross Country 3; Junior Play; Football 4.

RHETA JEAN KATRENICS

"Rhet"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Camera 2; Science 3,4; Speech 3,4; Mirror Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Senior Play; Latin Contest 1,2; English Contest 3.

RONALD JOSEPH LAKEBERG

"Ron"

Jr. Hi-Y 2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Letterman's Club 3,4; F. F. A. 1; Junior Play; Senior Play; Football 2,3,4 Second Team All Conference.

DALE ALVIN LAPE

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 4; Science 3,4 President; Student Council 4; Senior Play.

DON RAY LEIR

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4.



NORMA LOU LEWIS

"Norm"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 4; Mirror Staff 4; Glee Club 4.

DONNA LOU LINDBORG

"Lulu"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1,2,3 President, 4 President; Pep Club 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 4; Student Council 3,4; Mirror Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

HELEN MARIE LOYCE

"Snooks"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4.

PHYLLIS JEAN MANWARING

"Phyl"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Class Secretary 4; Librarian 3; Mirror Staff 4; Glee Club 4.

HARVANNA EVELYN MEISELBAR

"Harvy"

G. A. A. 1,2,3 Sergeant-at-Arms, 4 President; Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Speech 4; Junior Play; Senior Play Mirror Staff 4; Student Council 4.





ISABEL LORAIN MILLER

"Izzie"

G. A. A. 1,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Camera 1,3; Speech 3.

MARILYN JEAN MILLER

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Speech 3,4; Glee Club 4.

SHIRLEY ANN MILLER

"Sam"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Treasurer; Sunshine 3; F. H. A. 1; Pep Club 2,3,4; Class Vice-President 1,3; Student Council 4; Mirror Staff 3; Annual Staff 3,4 Co-Editor; English Contest 3; Senior Play.

PATRICIA ANN MITCHELL

"Pat"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1,2; Speech 3,4; Glee Club 4; Senior Play.

LARRY EUGENE MONROE

F. F. A. 1,2,3 Treasurer, 4 Vice-President.





RAMONA JEAN MONZULLA

"Mona"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Sunshine 4; Chorus 3,4.

DOLORES JOANNE OGAN

"Dee"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Vice-President; Sunshine 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Mirror Staff 2,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Athletic Queen 3; Student Council 4.

RONALD ST. CLAIR PENDLETON

"Ron"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 2,3,4; Track 1; Baseball 1,2,3 All-Conference First Team, 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1, Honorable Mention All-Conference 2,3,4.

WINFIELD EDWARD PENDLETON

"Windy"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Chorus 1,2; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 3,4; Basketball 1,2; Cross Country 3; Baseball 4; Senior Play.

JESS JACK PESSMEG

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2 Sergeant-at-Arms; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 2,3, Reporter 4; Football 1,2,3,4 Honorable Mention All-Conference; Baseball 2.





DALE ARWIN PETERS

"Pete"

Band 1,2; Science 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3 Secretary, 4; Student Council 3,4; Mirror Staff 3,4 Editor; Class President 3; Football 2; Annual Staff 4.

JAN RICHARD PIERCE

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera 1; Basketball 1,2; Industrial Arts 2; Junior Play; Senior Play.

CHESTER ROBERT PURCELL

"Bob"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3 Vice President, 4; Letterman's Club 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,4.

FRANK DAVID RICE

"Frankie"

Band 1,2,3,4; Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Basketball 1; Chorus 1; Camera 4; Annual Staff 4.

MARILYN RICHARDS

"Pinky"

G. A. A. 1,3,4; Sunshine 1,4; Chorus 1.



DELORES RUTH ROLL

"Lorie"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 3,4; Sunshine 3; Chorus 2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Sextet 4.

JACKLYN MARGARET SAXTON

"Jackie"

Sunshine 2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2.

LEONARD JOHN SCHMIDT

"Len"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club 2,3 Secretary 4 President; Class Vice-President 2; Class Sergeant-at-Arms 1; Track 1; Football 1,2,3,4 Captain, All-Conference First Team; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2 & 3 All-Conference First Team, 3 Captain, Chicago Tribune All-Star Team, 4; Student Council 4.

RALPH F. SELLMAN

Jr. Hi-Y 1; Science 2,3,4; Camera 3,4.

MARILYN ANN SENKO

Sunshine 2,3,4; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Science 3 Secretary-Treasurer; Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 3,4 Co-Editor; Latin Contest 1,2; English Contest 3; Student Council 4.





JOHN HENRY SHOTLIFF

"The Bookie"

Band 1,2,3,4 Drum Major; Science 1,2 Secretary 3 President, 4; Camera 1,2,3,4; Speech 3; Class Treasurer 3; Student Council 3,4 President; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

PATRICIA ANN SMITH

"Pat"

G. A. A. 1,2,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Sunshine 4; Mirror Staff 4.

ROBERT JOSEPH SMITH

"Bob"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Basketball 1; Chorus 1,2; Junior Play; Speech 4; Mirror Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 4.

GERALD E. SOWARDS

"Gerrie"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Industrial Arts 2; Basketball 1; Football 1,2; Baseball 2,3,4.

DOROTHY KATHERINE STANDLEY

"Kathy"

Horace Mann 1; G. A. A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 4; Speech 3,4; Chorus 2.





LORETTA SZKLARSKI

"Lobskie"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4 Sergeant-at-Arms; Sunshine 2,3 Vice-President; F. H. A. 1; Pep Club 3,4; Mirror Staff 4.

JUNE MARIE TRUSSA

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2; Pep Club 2; Camera 3,4 Secretary; Senior Play.



JAMES NEWTON WARD

"Newt"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Industrial Arts 2.

EUGENE WEBB

"Gene"

Sr. Hi-Y 4; Science 1,2; Industrial Arts 2.

JOHN EDWARD WILLIAMS

"Beaver"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Camera 2,3,4 Treasurer; Annual Staff 4; Basketball Manager 3,4.





MODEANE WILLIS

"Mo"

Science 3,4 Secretary-Treasurer; Mirror Staff 3; Annual Staff 3,4; Class Treasurer 4; Pep Club 4; Student Council 4 Secretary.

MARILYN JUNE WILSON

"Willie"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; F. H. A. 1,2 Parliamentarian; Sunshine 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Glee Club 4.

JUDITH ELAINE WISE

"Judy"

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 2,4; Pep Club 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Speech 3.



GEORGE HOLICE KEATON

"Sonny"

Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Football 2.

PARNELL PORTER

"Pudge"

Brentwood High, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania 1,2,3; Football 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 4.



RAYMOND PAUL SEROEKA
"Ray"
Tolleston 1,2,3; Cross Country 4.



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SANDRA J. BORMAN
"Sandy"
G. A. A. 1,2; Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer
1; Pep Club 2; Chorus 1; Glee Club 4.

ROLAND LEONARD MELLE
Science 1,2,3,4 Vice-President; Camera 3,4.

ARTHUR DUEBERRY
"Art"
Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Letterman's Club
4; Football 2,3,4.

WAYNE CALVIN PRUIETT
Jr. Hi-Y 1,2; Sr. Hi-Y 3,4; Camera 3,4.

ROBERT RAYMOND EVANS
"Bob"
Hobart 1,2,3.

NANCY ANN SCHULTZ
Horace Mann 1; Lew Wallace 2; G. A. A. 3,4;
Annual Staff 4.

Graduates of '54 Hold Reunion Banquet

Guess what the mailman, Joe Gilowski, brought this morning? An invitation from Katharine Standley to attend the Class of 1954 Reunion in Merrillville. We jump into our car, manufactured by Wayne Pruiett and Sandra Borman, and go to the Spaceport, where we buy tickets from Dolores Cochran. The day our jet leaves we find that the pilot is Roland Melle, and Shirley Hull is the stewardess.

When we arrive in Merrillville, we see that the old town has certainly changed in the past ten years. Don Hudock now owns "The Chatterbox." Nancy Schultz owns the drug store where Larry Herzog is soda jerk. Donna Lindborg and Phyllis Manwaring own the new dress shop, "The D-P Shop." Shirley Miller and Marilynne Senko are co-owners of the Merrillville National Bank. Judy Gilliland is vice-president-in-charge-of-tellers. Jim Ward has his own insurance agency in Merrillville.

On the way to our hotel we pass Larry Monroe's farm, the most prosperous in Lake County, where Al Fetkavich is experimenting with headless cabbages. Howard Ewen, Secretary of Agriculture, is checking on his progress. Joe Chiado operates the largest open-air market in this part of the country. Jim Campbell cleans chickens for Joe.

Modeane Willis, as the first woman doctor in Merrillville, has opened the new clinic. Theresa Bianchi and Nancy Downs are nurses, and Gerrie Jensen is in charge of dental hygiene.

Malcolm Halsted is now owner of the Culligan Soft Water Service, and Lenny Schmidt still works there during the summer.

George Keaton manages Monty Halsted's service station. Fred Karle has a big hot-rod agency next door to the station. Bill Deeter demonstrates the cars.

Dolores Roll owns the newest factory in town. She manufactures red hair dye from formulas prepared by Bob Purcell.

Marilyn Richards and Janice Horner are partners in the local bakery. Helen Loyce still operates the scales at the Loyce Coal Company.

We pull up to the Hotel Trussa, owned and operated by June. Dave Hoekstra opens the door and directs us inside to the desk clerk, Don Karsten. Frank Rice hails us and asks if we happen to know of anyone who would want a job at his Calumet Park Cemetery, digging graves--Darold Benton just quit. Since we don't, the bell boy, Bob Evans, picks up our bags and takes us to the elevator, where Rheta Katrenics, the operator, takes us to our rooms.

Relaxing in our rooms before the banquet, we switch on TV. First, we see Royce Jolly, a TV emcee. Jackie Saxton and Loretta Szklarski are in the chorus line. Flipping the dial, we come upon Eugene Webb's new show, "Drag-the-Net."

As the plot thickens, the TV set conks out; and we must call a repairman. As we thumb through the telephone book, we find Barb Jones and Helen Juric are owners of the "Best in Merrillville," a TV repair shop. Since the set can't be fixed now, we decided to go to the high school to see what is new. On the way out we pass the barber shop and find that Ray Seroeka is the barber, and Mildred Alexander the beautician.

Arriving at the school, we see that Joe Hein is teaching agriculture, Don Hurlburt is teaching basketball, Pat Mitchell is the chemistry instructor, and Judy Wise is teaching music. Jack Pessmeg is the principal; and Isabel Miller, the truant officer. It seems that Jan Pierce is following in his Grandpa's footsteps--he's the janitor. Going back to visit our old home rooms, we find our faithful sponsors, Mr. Eggers, Mr. Demaree and Mr. Stuart, still struggling with guidance classes.

Returning to the hotel, we meet Shirley Bodamer, Marlene Giertz, Pat Hilbrich, Rosalin Hornak, and Romona Monzulla with their families. They are all happily married.

After chatting a while, we go up to our rooms to get ready for the banquet. Charleen Adams, reunion committee chairman, calls to remind us that the dinner is at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Marilyn Miller arrives at the Reunion Banquet in one of Don Leir's customized cars. We notice that Charlotte Hunter is still wearing her "Miss Giggles of 1954" banner, while she guards the Brinks' armored truck that Harvanna Meiselbar drives.

At the dinner toastmaster, Parnell Porter, tells us why some of our classmates are unable to attend this reunion. Ray Ballestero is busy contemplating a trip to the moon; Carol Cienas, who owns a gift shop in Japan, missed the boat; Phyllis Harrigan is serving in India as an Army nurse; Bill Franz is in Paris spending his first million, which he earned by opening beer cans. Bill Horner is trapping mink for the Hudson Bay Company, and Dale Lape has joined the Foreign Legion.

Some of our class members have surely come up in the world. Art Deuberry is now a general in the 113th Engineers. Dale Peters is president of the New York Stock Exchange. Ron Pendleton is playing baseball with the Washington Senators. Ralph Sellman is warden at San Quentin, Rita Friedrich is singing the lead in the new opera at the Met this year. Jack Williams is a photographer for National Geographic. Dolores Ogan is a cheerleading instructor at Notre Dame; Doug Ingles is a professor of Engineering at Purdue.

John Shotliff is now owner of the Arlington Park race track. Ron Lakeberg is his business manager, and Dick Fieler is at the two dollar window.

Before returning to our homes, after the reunion, we spend one evening at Bob Smith's giant new drive-in theater. Pat Smith sells tickets, and Gerry Sowards is head usher. Our old classmates even show up there on the screen. Marilyn Wilson is star of the movie. In the credits we see that Norma Lewis designed all of Marilyn's clothing for the movie.

As we left the drive-in we met Windy Pendleton, the famous cartoonist; we all agreed that the Class of 1954 Reunion had brought back many happy memories of our school days.

Senior History

As seniors, we get aboard the train of memories and let it take us back through the four wonderful years we have traveled as students of Merrillville High School-- We get off at the first stop and take a peek at our freshman year. Our officers were Don Smith, president; Shirley Miller, vice-president; Don Hurlburt, secretary; and Sandra Borman, treasurer. Our only activity was a skating party which was held on April 23.

We board the train again and keep traveling until we reach the second stop. We get off and take a look at our sophomore year.

We were again under the leadership of Don Smith. The other officers were Lenny Schmidt, vice-president; Don Hurlburt, secretary; James Campbell, treasurer; and Don Karsten, sergeant-at-arms.

We chose maroon and white for the colors of our class sweaters. The happiest day for us was when they arrived, a little after Christmas. Our dance, "The Leap Hop," was held on February 29. Our candidate for queen of the Football Hop was Shirley Miller.

Again we board the train until we come to the third stop. Here we take a look at our junior year.

Our officers this year were Dale Peters, president; Shirley Miller, vice president; Bill Horner, secretary; John Shotliff, treasurer; and Douglas Ingles, sergeant-at-arms. Our dance was held on March 9. Our junior play, "Best Foot Forward," directed by Miss Bentley, was held March 26 and 27. The highlight of our junior year was the Junior-Senior Prom which was held at the Crystal Ball Room on May 1. The theme was "Dancing in the Dark."

Slowly and sadly we climb aboard the train, for we know we have but one more stop to go--our senior year.

Our officers this year were Fred Karrle, president; Donna Lindborg, vice-president; Phyllis Manwaring, secretary; and Modeane Willis, treasurer.

Our senior play, "Tattletale," directed by Mrs. McLuckie, was held on November 12 and 13.

Baccalaureate was held on May 23. On May 27, our graduation night, we left the protecting arms of the school and entered into a new world, a new life.

The train stops and we get off; but we will board this train of memories many times in the future, for we never want to forget the wonderful times we have had as students of Merrillville High School.



SITTING Modeane Willis, Treasurer; Donna Lindborg, Vice President; Phyllis Manwaring, Secretary; Mr. Demaree, Sponsor. STANDING Mr. Stuart, Sponsor; Mrs. Eggers, Sponsor; Ray Ballestero, Sergeant-at-Arms; Fred Karrle, President.

A Note Of Appreciation

We, the Senior Class of 1954, wish to express our greatest appreciation to our sponsors, Mrs. Eggers, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Demaree. We are indeed fortunate to have had sponsors with the patience and understanding to guide us through our many and new experiences in the four years that we were high school students. They have shared with us the joys and also the difficulties which have presented themselves as we worked toward our goal, graduation. They have always been ready to give us advice to help us climb one step nearer to our goal. Their friendship and kindness has meant much to us these past four years and will continue to do so in the years to come. We hope this will be a sincere and lasting remembrance to them of the many things we have accomplished together.

We also wish to thank Mr. Miller and our teachers who have helped us on the road of learning. They have stirred our ambition and given us the inspiration to strive for more and better education. We will use the knowledge we have thus gained to work and plan toward building a better future.



BEST SMILE
Charlotte Hunter Don Hurlburt

Senior Personalities

BEST DRESSED
Jackie Saxton Lenny Schmidt



BEST LOOKING
Phyllis Manwaring Alex Fetkavich



BEST PERSONALITY
Dolores Ogan Malcolm Halsted



MOST ATHLETIC
Shirley Miller Ronnie Pendleton



MOST INTELLIGENT
Marilyn Senko Dale Peters



LIFE OF THE PARTY
Harvanna Meiselbar Bill Franz





Underclassmen



SITTING Mr. Semokaitis, Sponsor; Mrs. Sproatt, Sponsor; Steve Ratajec, President; Mr. Bovard, Sponsor.
STANDING Richard Poling, Treasurer; Tom Kokinda, Vice-President; Larry Nemeth, Sergeant-at-Arms;
Kenny Metcalf, Secretary.

"Moonlight And Roses" Theme For Junior Prom

"When will our class rings arrive?" was the question uppermost in the mind of all Juniors as school began and they prepared for the exciting year ahead. At last they arrived! All that November day you could see happy Juniors proudly showing off their rings, bearing for the first time, the new school crest. The Class of 1955, being upperclassmen this year, quickly assumed that customary "air" of importance.

Eagerly they tackled the responsibility of staging the Junior Play. The long hours they spent in practice gave them useful experience, besides all the fun they had. Time passed so quickly that the first night of practice was hardly over before it was time for their dress rehearsal. Their fine performance proved the dramatic ability of the Juniors.

No sooner was the play over before they began counting the days until the Prom, which they had been planning for all year. Finally the big night, May 1, was here. Using the theme "Moonlight and Roses" the Croatian Center had been transformed into a world of enchantment. The enjoyment of that evening wasn't forgotten with the last dance, it will be a treasured memory in the years to come.

The Junior Dance was held early in the spring. All the committees busily made plans which gave all those who attended a fine evening of entertainment.

The officers, President Steve Ratajec, Vice-President Tom Kokinda, Secretary Kenny Metcalf, Treasurer Richard Poling, and Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Nemeth, worked together with the class sponsors, Mr. Semokaitis, Mrs. Sproatt, and Mr. Bovard, to make this a very busy and enjoyable year.



ROW 1 Julie Harlow, Arlitha Leggitt, Mary Lawrence, Shirley Hurlburt, Donna Hickman, Carol Hunter, Nancy Jenkins, Jeannine Jevicks, ROW 2 Larry Golkowski, Curtis Killion, Anna Kopschick, Joyce Johnson, Larry Lape, Robert Jeffery, ROW 3 Jim Gildersleeve, Claude Klingaman, Carl Leffert, Don Lollis, Don Jones, Ralph Jeffery, Tom Kokinda, ROW 4 Mr. Semokaitis, sponsor, Richard Lehman, Malcolm Lunsford, Richard Jeffery, David Gust, Donald Lecik, Ralph Halfman.

ROW 1 Shirlee Razus, Mary Ann Vereb, Kermita Thompson, Nancy Peterson, Joyce Shannon, Marlene Melat, Jeanette Mandly, Sally Luebecke, ROW 2 Judy Showalterbaugh, April Maihofer, Sharon Marshall, Barbara Yester, Marilyn Wielgus, Margaret Sheets, Peggy Severance, Mary Price, ROW 3 Bert Stringham, Bill Nichols, Larry Nemeth, Jerry Pierce, Raymond Niles, Tom Sokol, Mrs. Sproatt, sponsor, ROW 4 Tom Mayer, Kenny Metcalf, Dave Stoltz, Roy Miller, Richard Yurko, Steve Ratajecz, Richard Poling, Andy Pavlov.





ROW 1 Nancy Frazure, Judy Clark, Patsy Lewis, Beth Wilburn, Beth Burton, Louella Bardwell, Peggy Berrier, Teresa Cochran. ROW 2 Nancy Appleton, Pat Banser, Coralie De Vries, JoAnn Davids, Juanita Davis, Sue Cool, Jill Frank, Gerry Griffin. ROW 3 Jerry Chentnik, Phil Fisher, Ronald Frankovich, Dave Black, Harry Brown, Ronald Barbercheck, Warren Engstrom, Chuck Ashton. ROW 4 Joe Douthett, Arlan Cole, Bob Covaciu, Bill Craig, Bruce DePew, Jack Elkins, James Coster, Jim Backe, Mr. Bovard Sponsor.





Sitting Mrs. Collins and Mrs. McLuckie, sponsors; Jim Randall, Bob Layman, and JoAnne Wojahn. Standing Mr. Wooldridge and Mr. Begrowicz, sponsors; and David Maihofer.

Sophomores Have Busy Year

The class of 1956 entered Merrillville High School with an enrollment of 142 eager students. Class officers for the freshman year were: Bob Layman, president; Larry Lavery, vice-president; JoAnne Wojahn, treasurer; and Wencel Wegman, secretary. The sponsors were Mr. Needham, Mr. Andrews, Mrs. McLuckie, and Mrs. Collins.

One activity during the freshman year was a skating party which was held in the spring and everyone who attended had a jolly time.

During the sophomore year the class officers were: Bob Layman, president; Jim Randall, vice-president; JoAnne Wojahn, secretary; and David Maihofer as treasurer. Helping the class with their problems and many decisions, were Mr. Wooldridge and Mr. Begrowicz replacing Mr. Needham and Mr. Andrews, the freshman sponsors. The enrollment in the sophomore year dropped to 137 students.

The sophomores ordered their grey and blue class sweaters in October, and in November they began sporting them around.

Spring found them sponsoring a dance, their main activity of the year. It was a huge success due to the large turnout.

Following the Christmas vacation, the sophomores spent an evening in Chicago and attended a basketball game. They enjoyed watching the fancy shooting and crazy antics of the Harlem Globetrotters.



ROW 1 Virginia Reed, Bonnie Felter, Sharon Gruel, Judy Hoekstra, Jackie Kros, Judy Meyer, Karen Nelson, Virginia Massengill, Sharon Sievert, Rosemarie Friedrich. ROW 2 Clair Minnich, Bernard Griffin, Cosmos Smith, Gene Smith, Jim Powers, John Kraft, Tom McDade, Keith Oest. ROW 3 John Rubery, Robert Dondanville, Jay McCracken, Bob Layman, Don Hatten, Paul Patton, David Cain, Bob Angerman, Byron Buhr, John Wallace. ROW 4 Earl Schnabel, Richard Schulte, Richard Velasco, Larry Yaros, Fred Ogan, Peter Olovich, Bill Mullen, Robert Halfman, David Dondanville. ROW 5 Dennis Dennick, Larry Lavery, Jim Davies, Wenzel Wegman, Ralph Smith, Ray Halfman.

ROW 1 Torna Siedentopf, Judy Meyer, Darlene Wallace, Shirley Reichenadter, Marie Loyce, Eleanor Larimer, Joanne Fitzgerald, Gwyneth Klipp, Phyllis Lowell. ROW 2 Shirley Schiesser, Judy Surowiec, Joanne Wojahn, Evelyn Grant, Barbara Macy, Delores Marando, Jane Soohy, Jackie Jewell, Norma Jones. ROW 3 Carolyn Simms, Irene Sumurdy, Dianne Rose, Jean Shelhart, Betty Snow, Tom Jursic, Bob Frank, David Meyer. ROW 4 Vincent Monzulla, Richard Lancaster, Vincent Blomley, James Newcomb, Bruce McDowell, Dale Fleming, Richard Anstak, Jim Dugle. ROW 5 LeRoy Kitchel, Don Fedorchak, Jerry Komp, Joe Predaina, Arnold Dewell, Jack Cook, Douglas Dondanville, Bill Smith. ROW 6 Jim King, Frank Perez, Jim Randall, Dave Maihofer, Wayne Horner, Robert Benson.





ROW 1 Carole Guernsey, Nina Hurlburt, Dorothy Taylor, Beverly Esick, Janet Halsted, Jane Halsted, Nancy Karrle, Marilyn Johnson. ROW 2 Carolyn Jenkins, Sharon Meyer, Marian Tyler, Bula Shawver, Barbara Hornak, Dorothy Stringham, Carole Luebecke, Carol Walker. ROW 3 Carlte Gernenz, Judy Welches, Betty Held, Norma Herr, Wanda Stowers, Marilyn Schreiber, Lillian Wencil. ROW 4 Alan Ayers, Don Meyer, Don Harger, Loren Thompson, Henry Cook, Dee Lipke, John Hartsock. ROW 5 Lewis Horner, Ken Bailey, Don Mriscin.





Sitting: Shirlee Shepitka, Virginia Smith, Dick Knauer, Mr. Englehart and Mrs. Bothwell, sponsors. Standing: Jim Lowe, Mr. Motts, sponsor.

Newcomers Learn Fast

The class of '57 began their high school career with an enrollment of 151 bewildered but ambitious students. Much thought and effort was taken as they elected the following officers to lead them in their activities during the year: Dick Knauer, president; Shirlee Shepitka, vice-president; Jim Lowe, secretary; and Virginia Smith, treasurer.

The sponsors who helped the freshman class with their problems and contributed to the success of their activities were: Mrs. Bothwell, Mr. Motts, and Mr. Englehart.

The freshmen were active in both sports and school clubs. The class entertainment for the year consisted of a skating party and a dance, with a variety show for additional entertainment composed of talented members of their own class.

They are looking forward to the next three years in high school, and all are trying to achieve fame, both in scholarship and athletic fields. In the sports department, the freshman basketball team participated in a tournament and put up a good fight although they were defeated.

The freshman class this year was the largest in the history at Merrillville High School.

They really had a time trying to keep away from the initiating seniors. Some were successful but others who weren't as lucky found themselves succumbing to the will of the seniors.



ROW 1 Karen Rimer, Shirley Shepitka, Lili Vitale, JoAnne Keaton, Donna Roos, Renee Halsted, Mary Cunningham, Judy Mascher, Janet Dean, Marsh Adams, Elnore Gabor. ROW 2 Susan Stucker, Sharon Evers, Beverly Purkey, Phyllis Fudge, Noellita Roessing, Lois Broadway, Barbara Stahler, Beverly Wells, Roberta Rosenbaum, Carole Horst. ROW 3 Edna Price, Anna Schmidt, Patty Halsted, Eleanor Harger, Gerrie Halfman, Betty Brown, Peggy Horner, Sharon Prusinski, Claire Shoup, Judith Orrell, Judy Van Cleave. ROW 4 Marlene Melle, Karen Blocker, Robert Minetti, John Johnson, Tommy Welches, Peter Gransinger, Bob Cook, Don Maddack, Bill Shelhart. ROW 5 Alan Olson, Walter Ashton, LeRoy Ralston, Glen Christiansen, John O'Connor, Mac Cannon, Gary Cannon, Cordell Schmidt.

ROW 1 Pat Pudlow, Janice Mascher, Averill Thompson, Barbara Smith, Virginia Smith, Shirley Piskor, Joyce Lewis, Margaret Young. ROW 2 Beverly Danford, Kathleen Schwab, Joan Canter, Janet Giertz, Sara Davis, Bonnie Johnson, Ruth Todd. ROW 3 Joe Barbercheck, David Wolff, Nancy Hilbrich, Janice Eckel, Richard Musitelli, Don Bartos, David Metcalf. ROW 4 Jack Tonk, Jon Coster, Tommy Monfort, Robert Schuck, Larry Halfman, Irene Collins, sponsor. ROW 5 John Nemeth, Guy Mead, Richard Cassasa, Billy Woods.

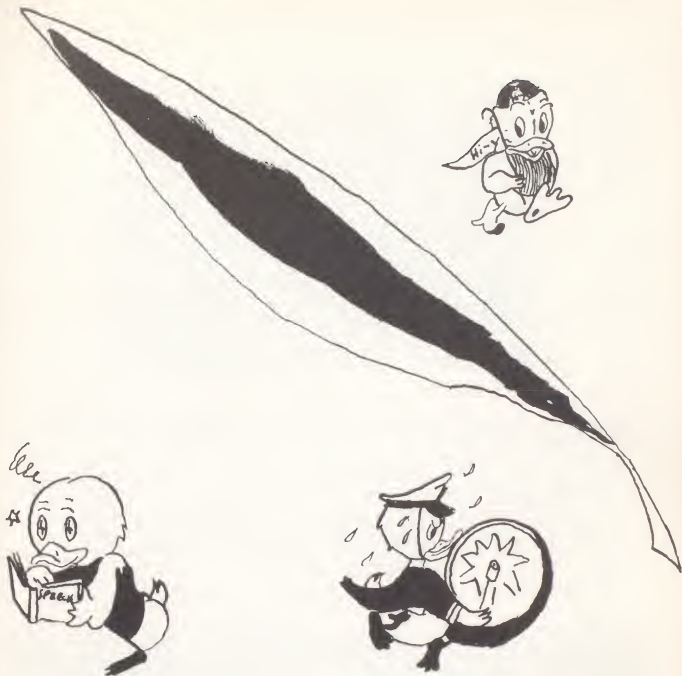




ROW 1 Harold Byerly, Garry Clements, Richard Snodgrass, Steve Franko, Ralph Backe, John Brennan. ROW 2 Charles Yester, Tom Lemaich, Frank Varela, Donald Szklarski, Robert Gabor, John Senko. ROW 3 Jim Lowe, Jim Elsner, Robert Meyer, Larry Giacomini, Donald Snow. ROW 4 David Muchenburg, Bob Schulte, Art Richa, Dale Dueberry, Jack Wehner.

ROW 1 Kay McCracken, Venitia Shadwell, Lucy Minniti, Laura Midgett, Arlene Williams, Pat Winrotte, Mary Petersen, Eunice Haldsted, Sandra Eckert. ROW 2 Suzanne Linkhart, Faye Burrage, Suzanne Black, Patty Calhoun, Sharon Clodfelder, Carol Day, Donna Gust, Nancy Morrow, Sharon Kelly. ROW 3 George Feczko, Don Razus, Nancy Johnston, Catherine Rastovski, James King, Dick Knauer, Richard Harbit, Glen Hull. ROW 4 Robbie Bothwell, sponsor, Bennit Thornton, John Hasley, Robert Jennings, Don Lunsford. ROW 5 Dennis O'Brien, Kenneth Miller, Clifford Fortier, Bob Scott, Delbert Deuberry, Alan McFadden, Ray Sullivan.





Organizations

Directors Of Student Activities



The purpose of this organization is to promote among students of Merrillville High School a knowledge and interest in good government; to encourage students to accept and discharge their responsibilities to themselves and their school; to stimulate a spirit of co-operation among the students and the faculty; and to aid in the development of loyal, constructive school spirit.

The Student Council consists of the Student Council president of each high school class, the editor of the school paper, editor of the annual, and principal or some faculty member appointed by the principal acting as the Council advisor.

The Council has the power to plan any worth-while projects for school, conduct special assemblies, authorize the president to appoint any committees thought desirable for any responsibilities which the Council may exercise, sponsor social dates on the school calendar, and supervise other elections.

Each year the Student Council sponsors activities and undertakes a project. The project this year consisted of publishing a handbook which explained the purposes and ideals of each club, arrangement of classes, and many other facts pertaining to problems of school life.

The Student Council passed out ice cream treats at Christmas time to the junior high and high school students. Also a committee was appointed to choose programs scheduled for the coming year.



"Service Above Self"



Over 10,000 Sunshiners can be found in various schools throughout the state of Indiana--girls who have found that it is not only fun to live up to their club slogan "Service Above Self," but also that it really does enrich their own lives when each girl adopts and practices the club's motto "Others."

The Sunshine Societies have two state projects--voluntary contributions to the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital as their State Charity and sending club representatives to Camp Tecumseh where the Sunshine Camp is held.

Thirty-five new girls were initiated into the club last fall making a total of 83 active members. They were very capably led by the following officers: Donna Lindborg, president; Rita Friedrich, vice-president; Jane Soohy, recording secretary; Judy Showalterbaugh, corresponding secretary; Carol Cienas, treasurer. Mrs. James Bovard was the club sponsor.

They met twice a month--one meeting devoted to business sessions in which they planned many activities and projects designed to spread helpfulness, kindness, and cheer to our school, our community, and ourselves. These activities included bus trips to the district and state conventions at Delphi and Wabash, an impressive formal candlelight initiation service, dressing dolls for under-privileged children, Christmas caroling, sponsoring the annual "Soc Hop," sending get-well and sympathy cards, and entertaining their "Ideal Ladies" and mothers in the spring.

Yes, they were mighty busy during the school year; but found that through doing for "Others," comes the greatest happiness in life.





F. H. A. Membership Increases

As the Future Homemakers of America leaf through the scrapbook, they relive the activities of the school year. Under the leadership of the officers, President Carolyn Jenkins, Vice-President Coralie DeVries, Secretary Janet Halsted, Parliamentarian Carol Guernsey, Treasurer Jeannine Jevicks, Historian Pat Lewis, Song Leader Irene Sumrudy, Reporter Judy Meyer, and their sponsors, Miss Phillips and Mrs. Eggers, the chapter had a very eventful time.

A weiner roast on Oct. 7, started off the first activity of the year with a bang. The purpose--initiation. Evidently no one was discouraged with the initiation tactics, because now the club has an all-time high of 95 members. The most important event of the year was the impressive candlelight ceremony on November 3. At this time 65 girls were formally introduced into the club.

Other events of this "ever active" club were a dance, a scrapdrive which had everyone exhausted, and the Mother and Daughter Banquet. One of their money making projects was their bake sale. Everyone agreed that there just wasn't enough cookies and cake to go around.

The girls had a chili supper and then went Christmas caroling. Several places they brought the Christmas spirit to were the County Home, St. Anthony's Home and the Detention Home.

The fall district meeting, held at New Carlisle, on Oct. 17, was attended by 16 members. The spring district meeting was held in Monticello. The purpose of their meetings were to learn more about the club as a whole.

On June 3 and 4, Miss Phillips and Mrs. Eggers accompanied four officers to Purdue to attend the State Convention.



F. F. A. Betters Farming



The Merrillville F. F. A. chapter was established and received its charter in 1945, under the leadership of Mr. Leo A. Luebbehusen who was the chapter adviser.

The total membership included 16 vocational agriculture students. The club has seen both large and small memberships through the years. This year there were 19 members. The club officers were: Mr. Richard D. Stuart, adviser; Don Hurlburt, president; Larry Monroe, vice-president; Larry Herzog, secretary; Duke Karsten, treasurer; Alan Ayers, reporter; and Howard Ewen, sergeant-at-arms.

The main efforts of the chapter went into the operation of the cloak check room at ball games and dances.

A dance was sponsored by the club which turned out to be a great success.

The purpose of the F.F.A. is to help farm boys, 14 to about 21 years of age, prepare themselves for farming through vocational agriculture.

Improved agriculture, better local communities, a more satisfying farm home life, and more efficient farmer-citizens are some of the results of F.F.A. chapter activities.



Highlights Of The Camera Club



"Watch the birdie," could very well be the main words of our camera club which is one of the many clubs belonging to the "Camera Clubs of America." This was the ninth year that the club had been in existence.

The purpose of the club is to teach student members to appreciate photography, improve their picture taking, learn to develop films and enlarge their prints.

The club was led this year by Bill Franz, president; Bill Deeter, Vice-president; and Jack Williams, secretary.

Many slides and films were shown during the year which were furnished by Eastman Kodak. These slides and films were on the following subjects: "Photography In Criminal Investigation," "Taking Pictures People Like," "Photography At Night," "How Films are Made," and "Enlarging the Small Prints."

Every year the club looks forward to the annual picnic. This year they had two picnics. One was held at Deep River Park on October 26 and the other at the shore of Lake Michigan in Miller.

The Camera Club also sponsored a dance on January 8, which was one of the highlights of the year.



G.A.A. At Work And Play



The main purpose of this active club is to increase participation in sports. Harvanna Meiselbar acted as captain, Dolores Ogan acted as co-captain, Joanne Wojahn was scribe, and Charlotte Hunter was kept busy as collector of revenue.

Leave it to the girls to think of something to do as shown by their many activities such as bowling, hiking, tennis, skating, and swimming. If you aren't tired enough after doing these things on your own, how about a couple games of organized basketball or volleyball? For their participation in all these activities, the girls were given awards according to how many points they had earned. These included pins, G. A. A. letters, sweaters, and trophies which are the highest awards given.

The initiation party was more like a trip to the moon with all the girls dressed up as spacemen. An all day outing was held at the Dunes on a Saturday in May. The girls shared their fun with their sponsors, Mrs. Sproatt and Mrs. Hobbs. The biggest event was the Sadie Hawkins Dance which was more fun than ever before. This is the time the girls treat the boys to an evening out.

The Award Banquet was the last event of the year. This was held at Tiebel's. All those girls who had earned the required number of points were given their awards.



Lettermen's Club Has Fifth Year



The Lettermen's Club has completed its fifth year of being one of the top clubs of the school. Coach Englehart has been the sponsor of the club all five years. The club has progressed more, or as much as, any other club in this school in this length of time. The quantity of the club is few, but the quality is great.

The aims and purposes of this club are to raise the athletic and scholastic standards of the athletes in Merrillville High School, to promote recognition among the athletes for duties and facts performed, to encourage boys to come out for athletic teams and to teach clean living and good sportsmanship.

Lenny Schmidt, president, was assisted by an able staff of officers which included Steve Ratajec, vice-president; Joe Gilrowski, secretary; Ronnie Lakeberg, treasurer; Don Hatten, historian; Dick Fieler, reporter; and Bill Craig, sergeant-at-arms.

During the year the club issued a cheerleading sweater to the senior cheerleader. All senior members who participated in athletics received jackets and trophies for their duties.

A trip was sponsored by the club for the basketball players and senior club members to see the Indianapolis State Finals.



Pep and School Spirit



The Pep Club was organized in September, 1951. The cheerleaders who helped organize the club were: Shirley Brechner, Peggy Hillis, Dorothy Shearer, and Norma Jewell. The sponsors were Mrs. D. Weldy, and Mrs. Sproatt. The club has an average of about 100 members each year.

A constitution was developed and presented to the club in October, 1953. One statement stressed was that all members were required to wear their uniforms at all games. The motto of the club is "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in." The purpose of this organization shall be to create a love of sports, to foster the ideals of sportsmanship, and to promote the school spirit among ourselves, this organization, and the student body.

The cheerleaders for the school year of 1953-54 were Delores Ogan, Sue Cool, JoAnn Davids, and Juanita Davis. Cherie Biemat, a four year old mascot, joined the cheerleaders in leading the yells. The sponsors for the year were Mrs. Sproatt and Mrs. Hobbs.



Jr. Hi-Y Increases Membership



The Jr. Hi-Y club was organized in 1946 to serve as an introduction to Sr. Hi-Y. Under the leadership of Paul Patton, president; John Nemeth, vice-president; Bob Laymen, secretary; Larry Lavery, treasurer; and Vince Blomiley, sergeant-at-arms, the club has endeavored to promote good sportsmanship, good fellowship, school spirit, and service to the school.

Jr. Hi-Y sponsors a dance every year, trying to find some unusual motif, and has been successful so far. An annual picnic was held at the close of the year and also the boys got to attend an athletic event. A tea was planned for the mothers of the Hi-Y members.

In order to make more money for the club, they sold refreshments for several home games.

Just for fun, several club parties were planned and then attended by most of the boys.

Every year the membership of Jr. Hi-Y increases and this year it numbered well over one hundred. An even larger group will be expected next year so plans are being discussed to divide it into two smaller groups.



Sr. Hi-Y Gives Plaque



Once again the Sr. Hi-Y, under the sponsorship of Mr. Semokaitis, has had a very successful year. The club was supervised and directed by Dick Fieler, president; Bob Purcell, vice-president; Dale Peters, secretary; Malcolm Halsted, treasurer; Doug Ingles, sergeant-at-arms; George Keaton, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Joe Gilrowski, reporter; and Don Hudock, chaplain.

It seems as though the main idea of Sr. Hi-Y is giving. Surely one of the most outstanding gifts was a beautiful bronze plaque given to the school honoring the Ross Township men serving in World War II. This was only one example of the many campaigns the Senior Hi-Y has carried through in keeping with their purpose of creating, maintaining, and extending throughout the home, school, and community, high standards of Christian character.

During the holiday season the boys were busy giving again. This time it was passing out baskets to the needy of the community. They also sent toys to orphans, in collaboration with the Sunshine girls.

The recreational activities for the Sr. Hi-Y have been; an annual Christmas dance, parents and son banquet, and a club picnic for all the members.



"House of Magic" Presented

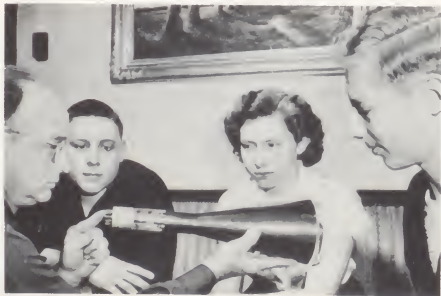


The Science Club is an organized group of students interested in science and math subjects. Each member worked on some project during the year; then displayed them at science exhibits. The district Science Fair of 1954 was held for projects presented by science enthusiasts from several schools.

The members of the club enjoyed an industrial trip and a tour through the Chicago museum. Various industrial concerns have contributed their literature to club members.

They sponsored the General Electric "House of Magic" show which was presented in our high school during the week of March 5.

The club also sponsored a dance after the Merrillville-Wirt basketball game on February 5.



Glee Club's First Year



Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Quinn, the Glee Club was organized with ninety-four girls as members.

One of the basic reasons for organizing the Glee Club was the overcrowded conditions in the choir, and a chance for those not in the choir to sing in a group.

Under the leadership of Rita Friedrich, president; Jeannine Jevicks, vice-president; Carol Cicenas, secretary; Lois Kros, treasurer; Maggie Sheets, reporter; and Nancy Jenkins, Theresa Bianchi, and Marilyn Johnson, as sergeant-at-arms; the club proved to be one of Merrillville's finest.

Some of the activities of the club was a Christmas Season program and a Spring Concert.



Speech Club Kept Busy



Words fly fast when Mildred Alexander, president of the Speech Club steps to the podium. The other officers. Nancy Downs, vice-president; Virginia Reid, secretary; Pat Mitchell, treasurer; and Bob Frank, point chairman; listen attentively as Mrs. McLuckie checks for errors.

Members of the club attended many discussions and debates, in addition to several speech meets, held here and at many other schools.

Outstanding events of the year were the district Legislative Assembly held at Lew Wallace High School and the regional Assembly held at Purdue University, in which several members of the club attended these as representatives and senators. Everyone had a great time and will surely remember all the fun and excitement of participating in the many different things.

It is not all work and no play though, because members are rewarded with awards. These include pins, letters, sweaters, and a trophy.

The club also had a very successful dance which was held on March 5. Later in the spring the club attended one of the hit plays in Chicago, which was another event to add to their many memories of enjoyment with the club.



As the Choir Sings

Participating in the choir this year were 58 boys and girls, chosen by Mrs. Quinn, the director, after giving considerable time and effort to her decision. These students were chosen because of their ability to sing, interest in music, and sincerity.

Their singing for such activities as the Gary Youth for Christ Rally, Christmas Concert, Tag Day Appreciation, Spring Concert, and baccalaureate was well appreciated as proven by a responsive and pleased audience.

Six girls with a special talent for singing formed a sextette, which was composed of Beth Wilburn, Karen Rimer, Carol Day, Evelyn Grant, Delores Roll, and Nancy Johnston. A quartet was also formed by the boys who were interested in singing. They were Bob Frank, Richard Velasco, Bruce McDowell, and Glenn Christiansen. These too, sang for different activities. They were well received by the people attending the Teachers Institute, clubs, choir concerts, and contests.

The officers chosen for this year's choir: president, Jerry Chentnik; vice-president, Helene Jursic; secretary, Nancy Peterson; head librarian, Beth Wilburn; assistant librarian, Janette Halstead; sergeants-at-arms, Glenn Christiansen and Billy Shellhart. The accompanist is Nancy Johnston.



Worked Hard! Played Well!



The Senior Band activities are divided into two main classifications, the marching band and the concert band. The marching band, composed of thirty-five members, performed difficult half time shows at all six home games this year. They highly pleased the entire community with their fast-stepping cadence and trick marching steps. White shoes and gloves added much color to the marching maneuvers. October 13, 1953, the band entered the State Marching Contest at Valparaiso in Class B. It was the first time in the history of our band, and they came back highly successful, with a first-place trophy, scoring 97.9 points out of a possible 100. A show entitled "Memories of Stephen Foster" was their main theme for the contest. At the end of the football season the Marching Band was given a party by the Band Parents Organization.

The Concert Band, composed of 45 members, presented two very fine and enjoyable concerts for the public in February and May. Many band members also entered the District and State Solo and Ensemble Contest during February and brought back many firsts. In April, the band put in many evening rehearsals preparing for the District and State Band Concerts. The Concert Band members were also treated to a fine dinner and party by the Band Parents Organization at the end of the year.





Pep Band

Tim Doyle
Larry Yaros
Lyle Hill
Frank Perez
Malcolm Halsted
Bill Horner
John Shotliff
Carl Leffert



Choir Director
Miss Lincoln

Band Director
Mr. Meltzer



Drum Major John Shotliff





Remarks such as: "Best marching band Merrillville has ever had," were heard many times during the year.

With snap, speed, and precision, the Marching Band, under the leadership of quarterback John Shotliff, goes into a special football game play with excellent results as shown below.

This offensive maneuver added an extra point for "Loyalty" at all of our home football games.





Perfection in details was the key-note as the band prepared for marching contest. Here are two examples of band formations taken from the show "Memories of Stephen Foster" presented by the band at the State Marching Contest held in Valparaiso.

Above the band has formed a banjo while playing "Camptown Races" and a modern version of "Swanee." Below, the outline of a stage are seen representing Foster's life as Lyle Hill plays "Old Black Joe" accompanied by the band. Results: A first division rating at the contest climaxed the marching season.



Mirror Undergoes Changes



EDITOR
Dale Peters

SPONSORS
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BUSINESS MANAGER
Rheta Katrenics

This has been a year of many changes for the Mirror. A general re-dividing of the staff was made making some departments larger and some smaller, in an effort to get the work done better and faster.

There was also a change in the content of the paper with addition of columns and articles.

The weekly staff meeting during home-room period was a big help, giving everyone a chance to get his assignment and to talk things over.

Led by Dale Peters, editor; Charleen Adams, news editor; Jill Frank, feature editor; and Rheta Katrenics, business manager; and with the help of the sponsors, Mrs. Bovard and Mrs. Bothwell, the staff worked hard to put out a good paper every two weeks.





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SPORTS STAFF

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Pictures Copy Layouts



CO-EDITORS
Marilyn Senko
Shirley Miller

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The Annual Staff this year worked hard and long to put out this issue of the Merrillvue.

Taking pictures, writing identifications, and typing copy are a few of the things that caused us to burn the midnight oil to meet the deadlines.

Shirley Miller and Marilyn Senko guided the editing of this yearbook as co-editors. Collecting money for subscriptions, and taking care of the coke and candy machines were Bob Smith, Ray Ballestero, and Jim Campbell, with Dale Peters supervising. Joe Gilrowski, Charleen Adams, Rita Friedrich, Pat Banser, and JoAnne Davids made up the Production Staff under the direction of Modeane Willis. The largest group, the Copy Staff was headed by Delores Roll. Marilyn Wielgus, Maggie Sheets, Helene Jursic, Donna Lindborg, Carol Cicenias, Rheta Katrenics, Frank Rice, and Fred Karrie made up the rest of this efficient staff.

John Shotliff, Bill Franz and Malcolm Halsted took all the miscellaneous snapshots used. The cartoons on the division pages were drawn by Windy Pendleton and Nancy Schultz, with Marilyn Wilson directing.

The staff would like to thank Mr. Miller, Mrs. Frazure and Mrs. Hayden for their wonderful co-operation. The entire staff wishes to thank Mr. Pruitt for all his help and support in publishing this 1954 issue of the Merrillvue.

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Malcolm Halsted, manager; John Shottliff, Bill Franz.





A Message From The Dean of Girls

During this year Merrillville High School has taken another step in its progress by instituting the offices of Dean of Girls and Dean of Boys. As the school has grown in enrollment, the need for these officers has become more apparent. Problems arise in the solution of which the principal needs the special time for this.

A Dean of Girls should be friendly, impartial, sympathetic, with a sense of the dignity of her position. She should be sensible to the very real problems of teen-age girls, who are sincerely struggling to reach their ideal of womanhood. She should try to keep close to the pulse of her own school, being aware of currents and undercurrents which may work either for the good or evil of the characters of the girls intrusted to her.

In the above paragraph I have described an ideal. I realize that the job is now and will always be far bigger than I am.

However, it offers a challenge to growth, which I am proud to accept. With a prayer for guidance from God I have assumed it. This year I have met a group of fine girls, who were eager to co-operate. I hope all the girls will feel free to come to me at any time.

Irene M. Collins.





A Message From The Dean of Boys

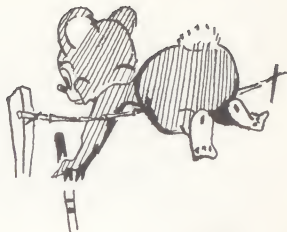
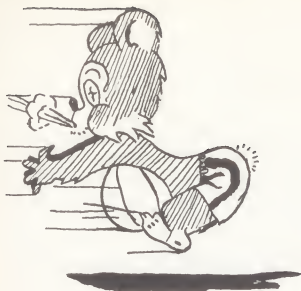
"I will study and prepare myself, and then maybe the chance will come." There are fewer wise words spoken than these of Abraham Lincoln. The first real opportunity you will have to start to prepare yourself is in high school. During your four years in high school, you will be, or have been, exposed to a vast amount of material that will help you prepare yourself to do whatever you please. How much of this material you absorb is strictly up to you.

God has given each of us a brain, but because we also were given a free will, it is up to us as to how we use this brain. Do not use your head just as a hatrack; use it for what it was intended to be used for; namely an instrument by which you can gain whatever you please. The brain may be regarded as a kind of parasite of the body, a pensioner, who dwells with the body and leisure, that is, the time one has for the free enjoyment of one's consciousness or individuality, is the fruit of produce of the rest of existence, which is in general only labor and effort. Some people's leisure yields boredom and dullness; except, of course, when it is occupied with sensual pleasure or folly. How little such leisure is worth may be seen in the way in which it is spent; and as Aristotle observes, how miserable are the idle of ignorant men. The life of a fool is worse than death.

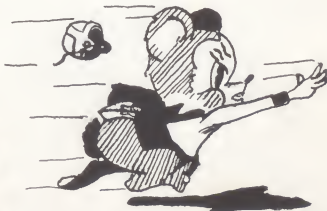
Do not merely SPEND your four years in high school, USE them. Use them to gain as much knowledge as possible and you will find that you will acquire a new sense of freedom. You will feel free because you will trust your own intelligence, you will know that your intelligence can correct these errors. You will gain a new courage because you will rely upon yourself.







Athletics





1. Bill Craig
2. Doug Ingles
3. Dick Poling
4. Ron Pendleton
5. Larry Golkowski
6. Len Schmidt
7. Joe Gilrowski
8. Ron Lakeberg





1. Jim Randall
2. Jack Pessmeg
3. Dick Lehman
4. Dick Fieler
5. Steve Ratajec
6. Malcolm Lunsford
7. Bob Layman
8. Jerry Pierce





1. Warren Engstrom

2. Don Karsten

3. Bob Covaciu

4. Parnell Porter

5. Art Deuberry

6. Bob Purcell



Freshman And Sophomore Team



STANDING Coach Stefek, Jim Davies, Don Lunsford, John Kraft, Jim Dowdy, Bob Halfman, Fred Ogan, Art Richa, Vince Bloomily, Cosmos Smith, David Malhofer, Jim Lowe, John Hartsock. KNEELING Don Fedorchak, Dale Deuberry, Louis Horner, Paul Patton, Bob Cook, Richard Harbit, Bob Benson, Richard Snodgrass, Don Bartos. SITTING Don Maddock, Dick Knauer, John Nemeth, Larry Lavery, Wenzel Wegman, Jack Cook, Cordell Schmidt, Harold Byerly.

The Freshman and Sophomore team was very capably coached by Mr. Stefek. They played a total of eight games in the season--winning four and losing four which made them a five hundred ball club.

The school can look forward to a hard-fighting and determined team in the following year.

Most of the first-string men will return and with the help of the eighth-graders coming up the school should have a championship team.

1953 Football Schedule

Sept. 14
Sept. 22
Oct. 1
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 26
Nov. 9
Nov. 12

East Gary
Crown Point
Portage
Lowell
Griffith
Hobart
Gary Edison
Dyer

Lost
Won
Won
Won
Lost
Lost
Lost
Won





Varsity Basketball Team



Sitting, Dick Lehman, Bob Purcell, Alex Fetkavich, Bob Covaciu, Parnell Porter. Standing, Byron Buhr, student manager; Don Hurlburt, Kenny Metcalf, Don Hatten, Dick Poling, Don Karsten, Ed "Jingles" Englehart, coach.

1953-54 Basketball Schedule

The 1953-1954 team is one of the finest that anyone would ever want to coach. The boys must be given a lot of credit for their fine showing, due to their determination, clean living, and team spirit.

Merrillville's basketball team is always recognized as one of the better teams in this area. With the enthusiasm built up in basketball, Merrillville should have extra good teams for years to come.

The squad participated in the Crown Point Holiday Tournament. They played good basketball, even though they didn't take top honors. As the season progressed, the team showed improvement by winning the Calumet Township New Year's Tourney.

The team and coaches want to thank the cheerleaders, students, and teachers for their loyal support.

Nov. 17	Hebron	Jan. 6	Hobart
Nov. 20	East Gary	Jan. 8	Dyer
Nov. 25	Roosevelt	Jan. 15	Crown Point
Dec. 2	Calumet	Jan. 27	East Gary
Dec. 9	Portage	Jan. 29	Morton
Dec. 10	Noll	Feb. 3	Griffith
Dec. 15	Chesterton	Feb. 5	Wirt
Dec. 19	C. P. Tournament	Feb. 12	Lowell
Jan. 1-2	Calumet Tournament	Feb. 18	Edison

Reserve And Jr. High Team



Sitting, Jim Lowe, Larry Lavery, John Senko, Dick Knauer, Jim King, Danny Madiera, Cordell Schmidt.
Standing, Bill Metcalf, Coach; Dave Metcalf, Bob Layman, Peter Gransinger, Dave Cain, Richard Harbit, Bob Cook, Bob Angerman.



Sitting, Stuart Jewell, Tom Gilowski, Jack Kitchel, Clifford Massey. Standing, Bill Metcalf, coach; Jerry Massengill, Bob Vickroy, Allen Killian, Bryant Mathews, Bill Fratske.

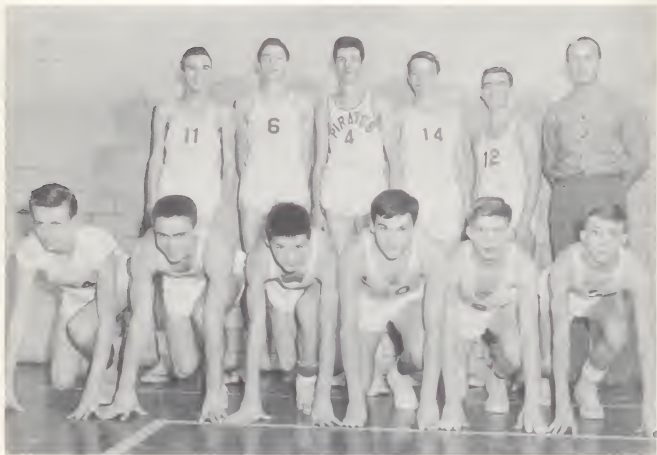


1. Don't bother me!
2. Touchdown!
3. Where to now?
4. Ticklish?
5. What happened?



1. Loose ball!
2. Where did the ball go?
3. Hang on to it!
4. Whose ball?
5. Center of attraction.

Off and Running!



Standing: Don Hurlburt, Kenny Metcalf, Don Hatten, Byron Buhr, David Cain, Ed Englehart, coach.
Kneeling: Ray Seroeka, Al Fetkavich, Bob Angerman, Ron Barbercheck, David Metcalf, Jim King.



Merrillville was well represented in the Cross Country meets this year. We were very proud of them because they showed great improvement. When they did lose, it was by a much narrower margin than last year's score. We lost to Dyer and Griffith in dual matches while placing third in a four-team match against Portage, Dyer, and Crown Point. In the Conference meet we placed fifth, which was good enough for a ribbon and an invitation to the regional meet at Hobart.



Baseball—National Pastime



Standing: Bill Metcalf, coach; Arnold DeWell, Vincent Bloomily, Dick Poling, Kenny Metcalf, Don Hurlburt, Ronnie Pendleton, Ed Englehart, coach. Sitting: Duke Karsten, Bob Purcell, Dick Lehman, Steve Ratajecz, Bill Craig. Sitting: David Cain, Jim Davies, Bob Angerman, Gerry Sowards, Lenny Schmidt.

The 1954 baseball team should be one of Merrillville's best. Most of the key players are returning next year. Merrillville has won the conference the last two years.

SCHEDULE		
April	9	Edison
April	13	Griffith
April	20	Portage
April	23	Dyer
April	27	Lowell
April	30	Wheeler
May	3	Edison
May	7	Griffith
May	11	Crown Point
May	14	Portage
May	18	Dyer
May	21	Lowell
May	25	Wheeler



Standing: Lenny Schmidt, third baseman; Ronnie Pendleton, pitcher; Duke Karsten, catcher. These three were chosen for the All Conference Team.



*And So Ends
The Season
Of Sports*



Activities

Junior



King
Don Hurlburt

Queen
Carol Cienas

On the warm, spring evening of May 1, sixty formally dressed couples gathered at the Hotel Gary ballroom for the 1953 Prom.

The light rain outside didn't dampen the spirits of the happy couples in swirling dresses and immaculate dinner jackets, dancing in perfect setting of the elegant Crystal Ballroom.

The dancers whirled around the ballroom to the music of Bud Pressner's Orchestra.

Not all of the activity was in the ballroom for there were groups of students, teachers, and visiting parents gathered in the balcony chatting and enjoying punch and cookies.



Prom

The high point of the evening came as the dancers turned their attention from Bud Pressner's Orchestra to Queen Carol Cicenias, resplendent in yellow, and neatly dressed King Don Hurlburt. Carol and Don were crowned by last year's royalty, Dorothy Shearer and Chuck Smith, and the two couples led the Grand March down through the ballroom and around the balcony before the admiring parents and teachers.

Then, too soon, the orchestra swept into the strains of the theme, "Dancing in the Dark", and the prom was over for another year.



Evenings of Dancing



"Who's giving the dance Friday night?" "Am I on the committee?"

This year, as in years past, the dances after games and on special occasions have been a big attraction. The Senior Hi-Y gave their annual Christmas Dance on December 12. The gym was beautifully decorated with Christmas trees, holly wreaths, and pictures of Sweetheart candidates. Overhead was a revolving, mirrored, crystal ball. Shirley Miller was chosen Sweetheart of the Senior Hi-Y, and presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Ramsey Nix and his band provided the music.

Another dance we look forward to each year is the Sunshine Sock Hop. Everyone must wear socks to this dance, and prizes are given for the best jobs of decorating the socks. The gym this year was decorated with fancy socks of all sizes and kinds.

The G. A. A. Sadie Hawkins Dance, held this year on April 9, is also a yearly event. This was the night for a return to Flatbush, with hill-billy costumes and a contest to pick the couple who looked the most like Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae.

The Jr. Hi-Y Hobo Dance, the F. H. A. Heart Dance, and the Speech Club Oriental Dance gave the students three more evenings of unusual entertainment.

Of course, there were the ever-popular dances after Friday night games.



Juniors Majored in "Books and Crooks"



This year on April 1, eleven juniors went back to school for an action-packed comedy, "Books and Crooks", by Newt Mitzman and William Dalzell.

Excitement comes to Hamilton High School as two crooks decide it would make a perfect hideout. Since one crook is a perfect double for the principal, the crooks decide to take over the school and have a gay time fooling the police.

Bill Nichols did a superb job in the double role of crook and of Mr. Henley the principal. His flighty secretary was Judy Showalterbaugh. April Maihofer, Jeannine Jevicks, Tom Mayer and Larry Golkowski were students; Curtis Killian, the second crook; Bert Stringham, a banker; Ray Niles, the detective; Marilyn Wielgus, Mrs. Blickel; and Shirlee Razus as Mrs. Gunklock.

The entire production was under the capable direction of Mrs. Nelia McLuckie.

Time out
for a picture.



"Tattletale" Is Big Success

The big nights for the seniors were November 12 and 13. On these nights they presented their play "Tattletale" under the direction of Mrs. Nella McLuckie. It was a comedy in three acts by Anne Coulter Martens.

Something a little different was tried this year. The lead part of Patty was divided. On Thursday night June Trussa played Patty and on Friday night, Carol Cicenias took the part.

The cast did a very good job portraying the shake-up at the school, the hanging of the effigy, and trials of a teenage girl. Everyone agreed that the senior play was the best one presented at Merrillville.

The Cast of Tattletale

Carol Cicenias	Patty Blaine
John Shortliff	Mr. Blaine
Donna Lindborg	Isabelle Blaine
Jim Campbell	Mr. Nixon
Joe Gilrowski	Tod Jennings
Harvanna Meiselbar	Louella
Ronnie Lakeburg	Barney
Jan Pierce	Paul Cummings
Windy Pendleton	Mr. Bixley
Nancy Downs	Hetty Heaton
Charlotte Hunter	Marie
Charleen Adams	Monica

June Trussa	Patty Blaine
Theresa Bianchi	Mrs. Blaine
Malcolm Halsted	Artie Blaine
Fred Karrie	Mr. Whittaker
Marilyn Wilson	Ida May
Shirley Miller	Miss Wiggam
Gerrie Jensen	Quiz
Pat Mitchell	Mrs. Laromer
Barb Jones	Jane
Rheta Karrenics	Mrs. Nixon
Dale Lape	Donald





This is what I think of you!

Patty, dear, I want to tell - - !



Up with Ermintrude !

Down with Ermintrude !
Yea !



School Calendar Of Events

1953-54

September

- 8 School doors open, the last time for many and the first time for many more.

October

- 10 The "Marching 35" took first place in the marching contest at Valpo.

November

- 12 The actors of the Senior Class took the stage for their presentation of "Tattletale."
13 The Senior Play ran a second night.

December

- 4 All Merrillville hobos competed for the Jr. Hi-Y "best hobo" prize which was taken by Sharon Sievert and Jack Pessmeg.
12 Senior Hi-Y has annual Christmas Dance at which their "Sweetheart" was revealed.

January

- 9 Seniors throw party to celebrate the successful sale of play tickets.
22 Shoes were checked at the door as the Sunshiners sponsored their annual Sock Hop.

February

- 6 Students tuned up their instruments as they competed for prizes in the District Solo Contest.
10 The musicians and singers gave an appreciation concert with the musicians showing off their new uniforms.
18 After triumphing over Edison, Merrillville took the Calumet Conference Title.
19 The boys brought their favorite valentine to the "Heart of My Heart" dance sponsored by the F. H. A. Club.
25 Memorial Auditorium lights up as the Pirates starting five fought against tough competition in the Sectionals.

March

- 5 Future Farmers have big turnout for their dance.
12 Some came in Oriental garb to attend the dance sponsored by the Speech Club.
19 An evening of fun was spent as seniors showed their talent at their class dance.
26 The Queen was chosen and crowned by the captain of the football team at the Athletic Ball.

April

- 1 Under the direction of Mrs. McLuckie, the Junior Class play, "Books and Crooks," made a big hit.
2 The play was no April fool for it ran a second night.
9 All the Daisy Maes and Li'l Abners in their bare feet came to town to attend the big shindig given by the G. A. A. girls.
14 G. A. A. girls have banquet at Teibels and were awarded with pins, trophies, letters and sweaters that they earned during the years.
21 The cooking skill of the F. H. A. was tested as they treated their mothers at the F. H. A. Banquet.
23 For the first time, the Speech Club presents "The Clue of The Red Ribbon" with an all girl cast.
28 Sunshiners shine as banquet was given for Mothers and Ideal Ladies.

May

- 1 The Junior Class was host for the 1954 Prom given at the Croatian Center.
15 Sunburn! Sore feet! This expression was heard by the G. A. A. girls when their outing came to an end.

They Play A Vital Part



Last, but above all not least, are a group of people that the whole student body is indebted to our cooks and janitors.

Serving hot tempting meals and always a nice word and smile for everyone were Mrs. Varro, Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Midgett, and not pictured, Mrs. McCracken. We are indeed grateful for their service to us.

Sweeping up after us and keeping the school clean and neat was taken care of by the janitors, Mr. Heines, Mr. Henrichs, Mr. Rendo, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Pierce.

*And So Ends
Our School Year
For '53 And '54 . . .*





